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SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY THINKING ABOUT FUTURE
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BEGIN SUMMARY: ANOTHER SENIOR FRG FOREIGN OFFICE
OFFICIAL HAS OUTLINED HIS VIEWS ON FUTURE FRG-SOVIET
NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING BERLIN MATTERS. HIS VIEWS DIFFER
IN SOME ELEMENTS FROM THOSE REPORTED EARLIER (REFS A AND
B), BUT GENERALLY POINT IN THE SAME DIRECTION. HE SAID
THE FRG HOPED TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE US AND
OTHER ALLIES. END SUMMARY.

1. ANDREAS MEYER-LANDRUT, MINISTERIAL DIRIGENT FOR
RUSSIAN, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND BERLIN MATTERS, HAS TOLD
THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT PLANS FOR GERMAN-RUSSIAN
DICUSSIONS ARE BEING ELABORATED IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPECTS THOSE

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DISCUSSIONS TO BE KICKED OFF AT THE GENSCHER-GROMYKO
MEETING DURING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL.

2. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THAT GENSCHER WOULD TRY TO OUT-LINE WITH GROMYKO SOME SCENARIO FOR DISCUSSION. HE THOUGHT THE GERMANS WOULD WISH TO TALK ABOUT CULTURAL EXCHANGES, TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND--OF COURSE--BERLIN.

3. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THAT BERLIN WOULD HAVE TO BECOME AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME PARTS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THAT CONTINUED TO PRESENT PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT TWO THIRDS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, THOSE RELATING TO TRANSIT AND ACCESS, WERE FUNCTIONING WELL. THE OTHER THIRD WHICH DEALT WITH SUCH MATTERS AS PRESENCE AND FRG REPRESENTATION, WAS ALSO FUNCTIONING IN PART BUT NEEDED CLARIFICATION.

4. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE CONSTANTLY PUSHING TO CUT BACK THE WEST GERMAN ROLE IN REPRESENTING BERLIN. HE SAID THAT BERLIN WAS, FOR THE FRG, AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF DETENTE. THE NON-FUNCTIONING PARTS OF THE QA COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR OTHER PARTS OF THE QA AS WELL AS FOR GENERAL GERMAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. IT WAS ESSENTIAL, THEREFORE, TO ARRIVE AT SOME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING.

5. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THAT THE GERMAN CONCEPT FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS, TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED, FOCUSED MAINLY ON FILLING IN BLANK OR

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DISPUTED AREAS OF THE BERLIN SITUATION WITHOUT AFFECTING THE STATUS OR AUTHORITY OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. THE GERMANS WOULD ACT ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN CERTAIN AREAS RELATING TO BERLIN-FRG TIES THEY HAD, IN ESSENCE, BEEN DELEGATED A CERTAIN AUTHORITY. (IN SAYING THIS, HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ASSERTING A LEGAL POSITION BUT TO BE DESCRIBING HOW THE GERMANS PERCEIVED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UPCOMING TALKS AND THE QA.)

6. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR STRESSED TO MEYER-LANDRUT THE NEED FOR VERY CLOSE COORDINATION OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON ANY ELEMENT OF THE BERLIN SITUATION, PARTICULARLY AS IT MIGHT AFFECT THE QUADRIpartite STATUS AND THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THE GERMANS RECOGNIZED THIS. THEY WOULD KEEP US INFORMED. HE ADDED THAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY GENSCHER TO THE UN AND MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO DISCUSS GERMAN PLANS IN DETAIL WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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7. COMMENT: WE HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED THREE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF GERMAN NEGOTIATING PLANS REGARDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE BERLIN SITUATION. SINCE SOME OF THIS IS BEGINNING TO FIND ITS WAY INTO PRINT (REF C), SPECULATION MAY INCREASE AS THE ELECTION NEARS. WE HOPE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE GERMAN CONCEPT, WHICH WE SUSPECT IS STILL BEING ELABORATED, ONCE THE GERMANS TABLE THEIR BONN GROUP PAPER ON FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN ABROAD.
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